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9:30 a.m.

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2019 CITY BUDGET IS BALANCED; NO TAX INCREASES

— \$56M OPERATING BALANCE AT END OF 2018 —

Mayor Jim Brainard and the City Council worked together to create a balanced City budget with a slight tax decrease for 2019. Residents will continue to pay among the lowest city tax rates in the state of Indiana. Carmel's District tax rate is 5th lowest among 118 cities. Working with financial experts, the City of Carmel has relied on a 20-year fiscal plan that projects future revenues and expenses and allows the department directors to prioritize expenditures while being aware of the long-term impact of their decisions. Many cities do not have a multi-year fiscal plan, and without it, the budgeting process can be very difficult.

"It has always been our goal to provide the citizens of Carmel the highest level of service at the lowest possible cost and I believe this budget will once again accomplish both of those goals. This is a key part of our economic development strategy of keeping the cost of living down while maintaining a high quality of life, helping us attract more corporate headquarters, jobs and a highly qualified workforce," said Mayor Brainard. "We are in a very competitive battle with cities across the country for companies that are

increasingly seeking new locations away from other states and communities where both taxes and the cost of living, not to mention commute times, are much higher than what we offer in Carmel."

Despite the unchanging tax rate, the Mayor's proposed 2019 General Fund budget is \$102 million, a 6.4 percent increase over 2018. This is possible because Carmel is able to become more efficient as it grows. Projected revenues are forecast to exceed our expenditures. While Carmel has debt for infrastructure, such as roads, parks, water treatment plants, etc. and other capital investments, it never borrows for regular operations. That means, under this proposal, the City will be able to fund the following additional services in 2019:

- Five additional police officers
- Additional Street Department maintenance operations
- New Monon Boulevard park space operations
- Community events and festivals
- Infrastructure for 911 services
- IT upgrades for Community Services
- Capital equipment replacement



OVERALL LOWER COST OF LIVING

Utility costs are lower in Carmel as well. Customers of Carmel Utilities will be paying the lowest monthly utility bill of any city in Hamilton County, Indianapolis or Zionsville. The average 2019 utility bill in Carmel will be **\$83.67** compared to:

\$94.32 - Noblesville

\$95.70 - Zionsville

\$97.76 - Fishers

\$113.05 - Westfield

\$119.99 - Indianapolis

A Call to Remember

FRIDAY, MAY 3 AT NOON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

AT THE TARKINGTON THEATER AT THE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THREE CENTER GREEN

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER - ESTHER DAVIDSON

The City of Carmel's ceremony remembers victims of the Holocaust in conjunction with the National Days of Remembrance events.



A Call to Honor

Join us at this civic event to remember those who have sacrificed for our freedom

FRIDAY, MAY 24 AT 9 A.M. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA (WEST OF THE PALLADIUM)

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER - ERNIE LORCH

The Girl Scouts of Central Indiana will be offering complimentary boxes of Girl Scout cookies to all guests who are veterans or active members of the military.



For more event details, visit Carmel.IN.gov

ROUNABOUT RECAP

We closed out the year 2018 with **122** roundabouts in Carmel. The City built six new roundabouts last year and a seventh (No. 122) was built by Hamilton County on Lowe's Way.



FOR MORE INFO Visit Carmel.IN.gov or call (317) 571-2401



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MAYOR'S COLUMN

As the year 2019 begins, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that throughout each year, our main goal in the City of Carmel has always been and will continue to be creating the best quality of life anywhere. This is best for residents, best for businesses and it will be better in the long run for our children and grandchildren.

As we make decisions that guide our city, we are mindful that we only have one opportunity to build our city the right way and we don't want to strive for mediocre or just good; not the easiest nor cheapest. We must strive for the best when we have the opportunity to do so.

We have no reason to regret, as a City, the way we have disrupted the status quo and veered away from building the usual strip malls and allowing sprawl. We prefer to create the best and highest quality of life through building the most ambitious and glorious city we can build.

Having the highest quality roads, city services, trails, bridges, parks and other amenities in place, will ensure quality long-term growth. Everything we have done in 2018 and all that we will do in 2019 is focused on that strategy and that goal.

In short: The way we're building is why we are succeeding. We have attracted more than 120 corporate headquarters and hundreds of other businesses by creating the City we have. The taxes they pay help keep our residential taxes low. In addition, they provide some of the best professional jobs and fulfilling work anywhere.

That mix is why we are often listed as one of the best places to live in America.

I look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Jim Brainard

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CARMEL CITY COUNCIL

The Carmel City Council is comprised of seven members elected to four-year terms: two at-large and five elected from five districts. The City Council constitutes the legislative body of the city. It has power over the city budget, and passes city ordinances and resolutions. Current members are:



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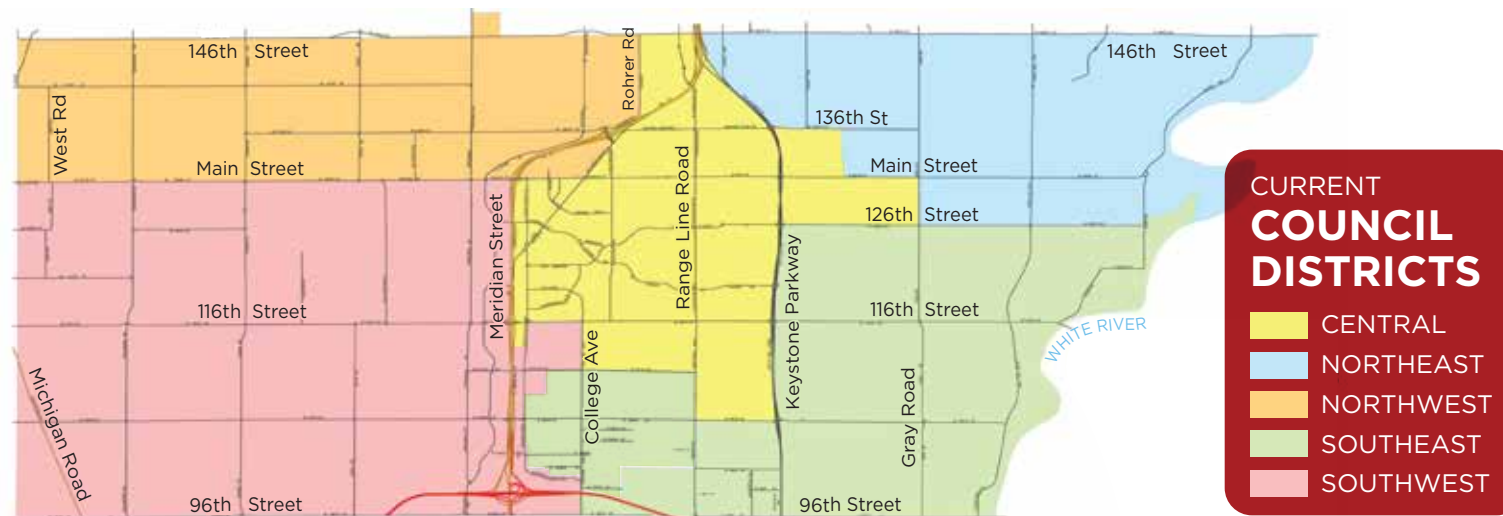
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COUNCIL MAPS

Beginning on January 1, 2019, the City Council Districts will change slightly as a result of the annexation of Home Place. Residents there, who had previously not been able to vote in the City election, will now be able to vote for the citywide offices in the May Primary, November General elections and for their respective council members.

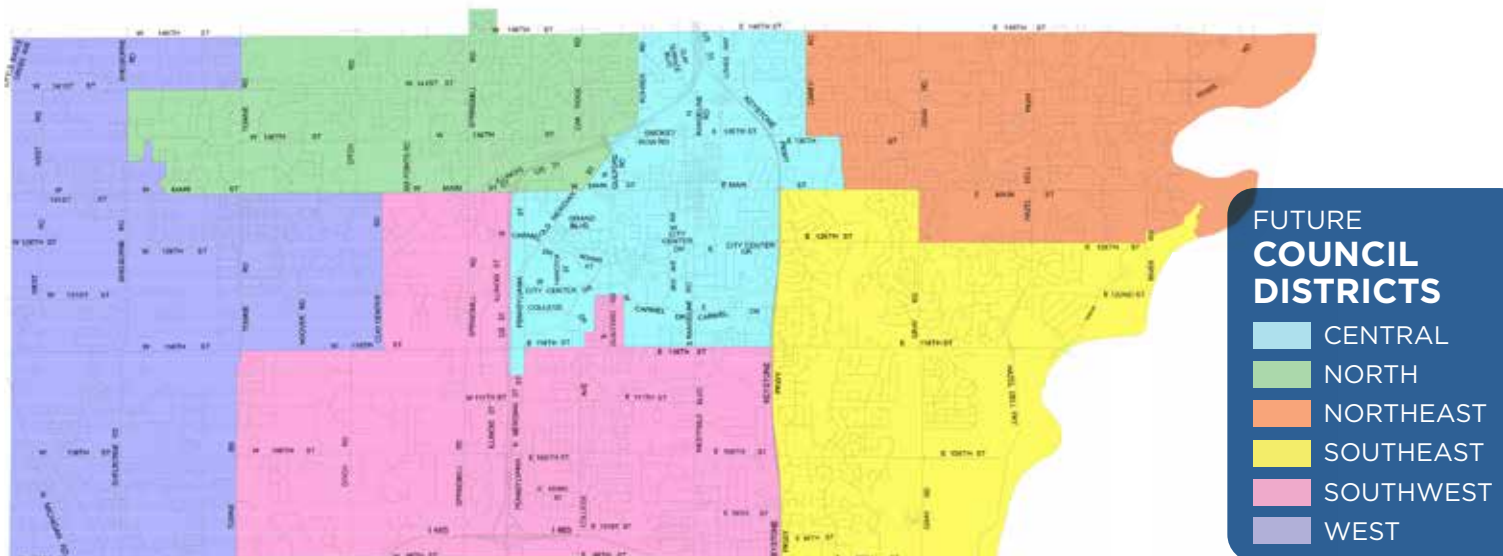
COUNCIL DISTRICTS MAP: *VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019*



In 2020, this map will change again as the City Council grows from 7 to 9 members as a result of becoming a 2nd Class City. The new Council District Map, which won't take effect until January 1, 2020, will include a new "West District" and a little bit of juggling of other districts. There will also be a new "At-Large" member of the City Council beginning in 2020.

COUNCIL DISTRICTS MAP: *BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020*

You will be voting in these districts in 2019





STATE AUTO INSURANCE CUTS THE RIBBON

Mayor **Jim Brainard** joined officials with State Auto Insurance Companies as they cut the ribbon on their new Midwest Headquarters on the Meridian Corporate Corridor in Carmel. **Ed Simcox** (pictured left), former Indiana Secretary of State and a retired member of State Auto’s board of directors, joined the Mayor and **Mike LaRocco** (pictured right), State Auto President and CEO for the festivities.

The company wanted a more modern workspace with improved amenities, which they found at their new home in Carmel. The office is home to approximately 130 associates.

CARMEL IMPRESSES VISITING BICYCLE LEADERS

National and regional leaders in the bicycling industry paid a visit to Carmel to check out all of the changes taking place and how quickly we have developed a comprehensive network of bicycle trails and paths. They were particularly impressed with the economic development aspects we have developed along the Monon Greenway and specifically the Monon Boulevard Expansion Project.



Pictured from left to right: Jamison Hutchins, City of Indianapolis Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator; David Littlejohn, City of Carmel Alternative Transportation Coordinator; Kevin Whited, City of Carmel Transportation Development Coordinator; Bill Nesper, Executive Director, League of American Bicyclists and Carmel City Councilor Bruce Kimball.



BRAUNABILITY HEADQUARTERS

Officials celebrated a new \$7.5 million corporate headquarters for Braunability, bringing more high-paying jobs to Carmel. Pictured (left right) is **Elaine Bedel**, president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation; Mayor **Jim Brainard**, **Staci Kroon**, President and CEO of Braunability and Indiana Lt. Gov. **Suzanne Crouch**.



ZOTEC HEADQUARTERS

Zotec Partners held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new national headquarters facility, where they plan to hire up to 300 new employees by 2022. The nearly \$47 million project will include offices, an innovation work center, a covered parking garage and room for future growth. It is located adjacent to their current office at 11460 N. Meridian Street. Zotec was founded in Carmel in 1998 and has grown to be the largest, privately-held, revenue-cycle and practice-management provider for medical groups nationwide.

Pictured breaking ground are from left, Mayor **Jim Brainard**; Indiana Governor **Eric Holcomb**; **Lou Holtz**, VP of Team Development for Zotec; and **T. Scott Law**, Founder/CEO of Zotec Partners.

MAIN & RANGE LINE PROPOSALS WILL TRANSFORM LOT ONE

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission (CRC) requested proposals for the redevelopment of 1.7 acres at the northeast corner of Main Street and Range Line Road. The City of Carmel acquired part of the property, informally known as the “PNC property” in December. The land is now being referred to as “Lot One” as a portion of the site incorporates lots 1-to-4 of the original town of Bethlehem, Indiana plat. Carmel was founded as Bethlehem in 1837 before officially changing its name to Carmel in 1874.



This is the first step in the process to redevelop the land into a mixed-use development that will bring more residents, more jobs and more opportunities for small businesses to the Arts & Design District. PNC Bank, which sold the land to the City, will remain on location during and after the redevelopment project.

some national attention, so we expect the competition for the winning proposal to be intense.”

“We are looking to partner with the best developer who offers up the best proposal that is fitting for such a high-profile corner as Main Street and Range Line Road,” said Henry Mestetsky, CRC Executive Director. “This particular parcel is already receiving

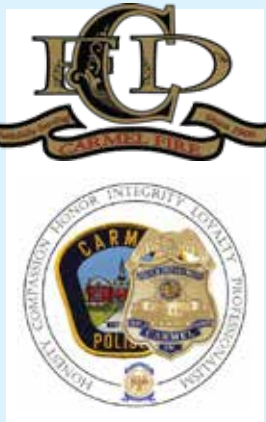
In close proximity to the Monon Greenway, Carmel High School, Carmel Clay Public Library and the Midtown District, this redevelopment project promises the best views of Carmel’s urban core and walkable access to many amenities which contribute to Carmel’s recognition as one of America’s best places to live, work and play.



300 MORE JOBS AS BCFORWARD EXPANDS IN CARMEL

Mayor **Jim Brainard** chats with **Justin Christian**, Founder and CEO of BCforward, a global information technology consulting and staffing firm, at a press conference where the company announced plans to expand and create up to 300 new jobs, while establishing a \$1 million new digital training center to help ensure employees and customers are on the forefront of the latest skills and trends in information technology and other services.

CARMEL FIRST RESPONDERS LAUNCH ‘SPECIFIC RESPONSE REGISTRY’



The Carmel Fire and Police Departments and the Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability have launched the Specific Response Registry Form – a voluntary way to give advanced notice to emergency response personnel of a resident that may have difficulty leaving quickly in the event of an emergency or that may require a specific response due to a number of reasons. Those reasons can include physical, mental, medical, sensory or intellectual disabilities.

Carmel City Councilor Laura Campbell is excited to roll this out to the community. “As a mother of an adult daughter with disabilities, I hear from many families that have children with disabilities, whether physical or intellectual, who worry what might happen in an emergency situation. This form will be a valuable resource to those first responders who work to keep our community safe every day.”

The form is available from the Carmel Fire Department or you can access it online: www.Carmel.IN.gov/departments-services/fire/forms-and-applications



CARMEL POLICE SWITCHING TO HYBRID FLEET OF PATROL VEHICLES

The Carmel Police Department has begun switching its fleet of patrol cars from regular gasoline-powered vehicles to Ford Hybrid Interceptors – a move that will save the City of Carmel about \$3,000 for each patrol car per year (based on today’s average price of a gallon of gas in Indiana). This will provide for an estimated annual savings of nearly \$400,000 once the entire 130-car fleet is replaced.

Seventeen new vehicles will be delivered this year. The plan is to gradually replace the entire Operations Division fleet with the Hybrids over the next five years. The move to hybrid engines is also better on the environment thanks to a reduction in the amount of carbon dioxide released into the air.

“This is a smart move on many different levels,” said Mayor Jim Brainard. “The thousands of dollars we save taxpayers by using this new technology will allow our police department to invest in more proactive measures to keep our crime rate among the lowest in the nation.”

According to Ford, the new hybrid police vehicles can greatly reduce the amount of time a patrol car spends idling on the job. The on-board electrical equipment can be powered using the lithium-ion hybrid battery, allowing the gasoline engine to shut off – running only intermittently to charge the battery.



NEW BODY CAMERAS FOR POLICE

The Carmel Police Department has begun the process of deploying the use of new body cameras while on patrol. An \$80,000 federal grant was secured to help fund the first phase of a five-year, no-interest lease for 120 body cameras and 100 in-car cameras from the manufacturer, Axon. Over the next five years, the Police Department will spend \$1.7 million on the body cameras, in-car cameras, new interview-room cameras and new tasers.

“For more than 20 years, the Carmel Police Department has used the latest technology to be as efficient and transparent as possible,” said Carmel Police Chief Jim Barlow. “These new body cameras, will help us increase transparency and efficiency, while offering greater protection to the community through increased evidence gathering.”

The use of body cameras in America has grown in recent years. According to national surveys, this has resulted in a decrease in the use of force, fewer Driving While Intoxicated cases going to court (as video evidence typically leads to guilty pleas before trial) and fewer false complaints of abuse by police officers.



Debuting in January of this year, Meet Me on Main is the new updated gallery walk event that takes place on the second Saturday of every month in the Arts & Design District. After several years under the same structure, this refreshed version of our gallery walks will offer more free hands-on art projects. The Art Lab plans a make-and-take project for visitors and families to enjoy from 5-8:30 p.m. (no pre-registration is required). We hope these projects inspire the artist in all of us and help families make art and memories together. Visitors can also register in participating galleries and shops for prizes each month. Musicians performing along the streets or in galleries will still be part of the ambiance of the evening along with facepainting for the kids.



LATE NIGHT ON MAIN RETURNS FOR SUMMER OF 2019

Late night street parties in the Carmel Arts & Design District will return on three occasions in 2019. The City will shut down one block of Main Street to make way for musical entertainment, dancing in the street and enjoying the eats and treats from local vendors who will be staying up late with us.

Mark your calendars for Late Night on Main:

- Friday, May 24 with Toy Factory
- Saturday, September 7 with Fun Factor
- Saturday, October 5 with LemonWheel

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS CARMEL'S INAUGURAL MLK DAY EVENT

A near sell-out crowd of about 500 people attended the inaugural Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, presented by the City of Carmel in conjunction with the Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Human Relations, the powerful and inspirational event celebrated and honored the work of Dr. King, the civil rights champion.

The event, held at the Tarkington Theater, featured riveting performances by students at the KJI Institute for the Arts, members of the St. Peters United Church of Christ Choir and soloist Blair Clark – singing selections such as “Lift Every Voice,” “Tomorrow” and “We Dreamed These Days.” They also performed dramatic renditions of famous Martin Luther King Jr. speeches, interpretive dance and a skit.

Dee Thornton, who is a member of the Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Human Relations, spearheaded the event in conjunction with City’s Community Relations and Economic Development office, while the musical and dramatic performances were organized by Kimberly Janelle of the KJI Institute for Arts.

Mayor Jim Brainard and Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks were also on hand to deliver remarks, along with Andrea Neely, Regional Director of the United Negro College Fund of Indiana. Just prior to the final song, Mayor Brainard issued an official City of Carmel Proclamation for the National Day of Racial Healing, which follows MLK Day.



KJI Institute for the Arts performs at the 2019 event.